

Statewide Dual Credit Pilot Frequently Asked Questions (2014-15)

1. Are all students required to take the challenge exam?

Yes. All students enrolled in a statewide dual credit course are required to take the course challenge exam to determine subject mastery.

2. Are the students required to take the practice test?

No. Students are not required to take the practice test. This is a tool to help students and teachers prepare for the dual credit challenge exam.

3. When will students take the exams?

The practice test will be available online from November 10-21, 2014. The challenge exam window will be December 1-18, 2014. Additional details regarding the assessment will be released in October.

4. Where will students take the practice test and challenge exam?

Schools and/or districts will determine an exam location that meets the technology requirements. All exams are administered online.

5. What will the challenge exam look like for each course?

Course Name	Number/Type of Questions	Time Limit	Cut Score
College Algebra	60 Multiple Choice	120 min.	75%
Greenhouse Management	100 Multiple Choice	120 min.	70%
Agribusiness Finance	100 Multiple Choice	120 min.	70%
Sociology	60 Multiple Choice; 2 Essay	120 min.	70%
Criminal Justice I	100 Multiple Choice	180 min.	80%

6. Are there specific software requirements to run the test?

Yes. High schools are required to install Google Chrome or Firefox on each computer prior to the test being administered. The students should use Chrome or Firefox (not Internet Explorer) when opening the internet to begin the course. The Flash plug-in must be installed in order to use Firefox.

7. Is on-site technical assistance available during testing?

Pilot coordinators will receive training in September so that they can help teachers with the technology and exam administration. There will also be help-desk support from the Tennessee Board of Regents for specific issues. All technology should be tested prior to exam administration.

8. Are teachers who teach the class allowed to administer and/or to proctor the test?

The dual credit teachers may be in the room during the test administration (not required), but an additional proctor must also observe the administration of the challenge exam.

9. How do students earn credit through the statewide dual credit courses?

If a student meets or exceeds the established cut score, he/she will earn three credits which can be applied at any public postsecondary institution in the state.

10. Will the credits apply to private postsecondary institutions?

Individual private institutions will determine whether or not to award credits based on the course and student's postsecondary plan.